

## CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Welding



## Do You Like ...

... working with your hands?

... solving problems?

... using math skills?

... focusing on details?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Welding** career training program.

## SKILLS

**Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a welder, including:**

- » Reading blueprints, work orders, or production schedules to determine product or job instructions or specifications.
- » Using equipment to weld or join metal components to fill holes, indentations, or seams of metal products.
- » Positioning and assembling metal products by welding.
- » Inspecting, measuring, or testing completed metalwork pieces to ensure conformance to specifications, using measuring and testing devices.
- » Understanding and following safety procedures, including properly using safety equipment.

## EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

**While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:**

- » Integrity and dependability
- » Concern for others
- » Cooperation
- » Initiative
- » Attention to detail

**And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a welder, including having:**

- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete an Advanced Manufacturing training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from agencies such as the American Welding Society (AWS) and the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). Credentials such as these offer students a competitive edge on positions in manufacturing, production, and metalworking.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Welding graduates go to work for manufacturing companies, or in construction, wholesale trade, or repair shops**. Welders may work outdoors or in a confined, noisy environment. Most welders work full time. Welding is an exciting but dangerous career, so safety procedures must be followed at all times.

## SALARY

The average starting salary for most welders is **\$37,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [mynextmove.org](http://mynextmove.org).



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